

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-55. Canceled.

56. (New) A method of playing a wagering game on a gaming terminal, the gaming terminal being one of a plurality of gaming terminals, the plurality of gaming terminals being linked to a plurality of prize pools, the method comprising:

using a processor to conduct the wagering game, the wagering game having an outcome randomly selected from a plurality of possible outcomes, the plurality of possible outcomes including a first outcome and a second outcome, the second outcome being different from the first outcome;

displaying the randomly selected outcome on a display device;

increasing an amount of a first set of one or more of the prize pools in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome, and increasing an amount of a second set of one or more of the prize pools in response to the randomly selected outcome being the second outcome, the second set being different from the first set; and

awarding one or more of the prize pools in response to the randomly selected outcome being a prize-pool award outcome.

57. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the prize-pool award outcome is a first prize-pool award outcome and the plurality of possible outcomes also includes a second prize-pool award outcome, a first group of one or more prize pools being awarded in response to the first prize-pool award outcome, and a second group of one or more prize pools being awarded in response to the second prize-pool award outcome.

58. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the plurality of prize pools include a terminal-level prize pool associated with only the gaming terminal.

59. (New) The method of claim 58, wherein the plurality of prize pools further include at least one bank-level prize pool and at least one wide-area prize pool, the bank-level prize pool being associated with a bank of adjacent gaming terminals within the plurality of gaming terminals, the wide-area prize pool being associated with gaming terminals that are remote from one another.

60. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein the first set includes all of the plurality of prize pools, and the second set includes less than all of the plurality of prize pools.

61. (New) The method of claim 60, wherein each of the plurality of prize pools are increased by a different amount in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

62. (New) The method of claim 56, wherein each of the one or more prize pools in the first set are increased by an amount that is randomly determined in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

63. (New) The method of claim 56, further comprising receiving a wager amount for the wagering game, the first set of one or more prize pools being increased by an amount equal to or greater than the wager amount in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

64. (New) The method of claim 56, further comprising receiving a wager amount for the wagering game, the first set of one or more prize pools being increased by a percentage of the wager amount in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

65. (New) A gaming system, comprising:
a controller;
a plurality of gaming terminals coupled to the controller, each of the plurality of gaming terminals having a wagering game, the wagering game having a plurality of symbols that

indicate an outcome randomly selected from a plurality of possible outcomes, the plurality of possible outcomes including a first outcome and a second outcome, the first outcome being different from the second outcome;

a plurality of prize pools linked to the plurality of gaming terminals, one or more of the plurality of prize pools defining a first set and one or more of the plurality of prize pools defining a second set, the first set of one or more prize pools being different from the second set of one or more prize pools, the first set of one or more prize pools increasing in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome, and the second set of one or more prize pools increasing in response to the randomly selected outcome being the second outcome; and

wherein one or more of the plurality of prize pools is awarded in response to the randomly selected outcome being a prize-pool award outcome.

66. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, wherein the controller is used to increase the first set of one or more prize pools in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

67. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, further comprising one or more displays for displaying one or more of the plurality of prize pools.

68. (New) The gaming system of claim 67, wherein each of the plurality of gaming terminals includes one of the one or more displays.

69. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, further comprising a signage located adjacent to the plurality of gaming terminals, the signage displaying one or more of the plurality of prize pools.

70. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, wherein the first set includes all of the plurality of prize pools, and the second set includes less than the plurality of prize pools.

71. (New) The gaming system of claim 70, wherein each of the plurality of prize pools are increased by a different amount in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome.

72. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, wherein the prize-pool award outcome is a first prize-pool award outcome and the plurality of possible outcomes also includes a second prize-pool award outcome, one of the plurality of gaming terminals awarding a first group of one or more prize pools in response to the first prize-pool award outcome, and one of the plurality of gaming terminals awarding a second group of one or more prize pools in response to the second prize-pool award outcome.

73. (New) The gaming system of claim 65, wherein the plurality of prize pools include a plurality of terminal-level prize pools, each of the plurality of terminal-level prize pools being associated with one of the plurality of gaming terminals.

74. (New) The gaming system of claim 73, wherein the plurality of prize pools further include at least one bank-level prize pool and at least one wide-area prize pool, the bank-level prize pool being associated with a bank of adjacent gaming terminals within the plurality of gaming terminals, the wide-area prize pool being associated with gaming terminals that are remote from one another.

75. (New) A gaming terminal, comprising:
a wager-input device for receiving a wager from a player;
at least one display for displaying a plurality of symbols that indicate a randomly selected outcome of the wagering game after the wager-input device has received the wager, the randomly selected outcome being randomly selected from a plurality of possible outcomes, the plurality of possible outcomes including a first outcome and a second outcome, the first outcome being different from the second outcome;

the at least one display further displaying at least one of a plurality of prize pools for the wagering game, one or more of the plurality of prize pools defining a first set and one or more of

the plurality of prize pools defining a second set, the first set of one or more prize pools being different from the second set of one or more prize pools; and

wherein the first set of one or more prize pools are increased in response to the randomly selected outcome being the first outcome and the second set of one or more prize pools are increased in response to the randomly selected outcome being the second outcome.